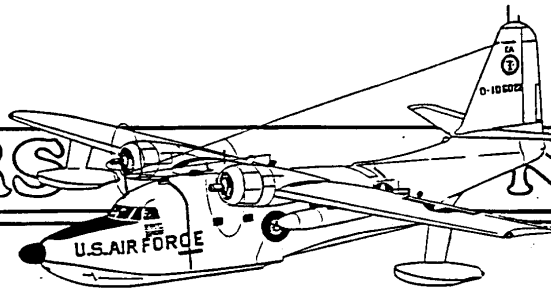


# OL TIMERS' NOOZZE



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## Old Timers' Luncheon

March 14, 2000

The annual Old Timers' Luncheon was held on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, at the Elk's Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, California.

The guest speaker was Lt. Col. Charlie Davis, former member of the 129<sup>th</sup>. Charlie presented a slide program about his involvement with Air America (the CIA's Airline of choice) in Laos. Ltc Davis flew as a helicopter pilot ferrying personnel and supplies, and conducting rescue missions from 1965-1967. Please contact a board member if you are interested in obtaining an autographed copy of Ltc Davis' book, *Across the Mekong*. For each book sold, Ltc Davis is donating \$5 to the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Fund.

The 129<sup>th</sup> AHA is proud to recognize the following members of the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW with a one year Association membership: MSgt Warner Ratcliff, First Sergeant of the Year; SrA Jason Braun, Airman of the Year; SSgt Leland Sharpe, NCO of the Year; and, MSgt Deborah Nordland, Senior NCO of the Year. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

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## Then . . . .



Sue Peterson, shown in a photo from the *Hayward Daily Review* along with General (then Lt.Col.) Santos and MSgt. Blaine Hall, worked as a civilian in Base Operations at Hayward in 1955-1956, and designed the original crest for the 129<sup>th</sup> Air Resupply Squadron. Today, her design is the flying squadron patch and is worn by all air crew members.

## And Now!



Blaine Hall, Sue Peterson, and General Santos at the Old Timers' Luncheon.

## The Prez Sez

*A Word or Two from the President*

*As Presented by:*

John Ruppel, Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks to Ed Boddington and Jay Craddock for organizing the Old Timers' Lunch. The annual lunch brought together 120 members, spouses and guests. This issue contains a two-page picture collage. The Board appreciates the many comments and suggestions received from attendees. The 2001 Lunch Social hour will be extended to one hour.

Don Delucchi has compiled a memorial list of former 129<sup>th</sup> members as the Association's Memorial Day salute. Thanks to all who submitted names. The salute will appear annually.

Association membership has reached 250. Membership information and an application are available on the Association's web page:

[www.calguard.ca.gov/129rqw](http://www.calguard.ca.gov/129rqw)

The Secretary-Treasurer will provide a membership packet on request to individuals that members believe would be interested in Association membership. If your mail label is highlighted your dues are delinquent, please submit a check.

The Rescue Wing will host Alumni Day August 5. The Alumni Day program is currently being developed; member's program suggestions would be appreciated. The annual Association Golf Tournament is scheduled for Sunday August 6. Reservation information is contained in the Newsletter.

The Association presented the first scholarship checks at the Old Timers' Lunch. The three recipients are: SSgt Teresa Prignano, 129<sup>th</sup> LS; TSgt Stanley Fernandez, 129<sup>th</sup> CES; and SrA Nathan Bento, 129<sup>th</sup> LS. Congratulations to these young people. May you have continued success in your educational endeavors. Special donations to the Scholarship Fund are always welcome. Make your tax-deductible check payable to the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Fund. Donors are recognized quarterly in the newsletter.

## The OTL Raffle

*And the Winner Is . . . . .*

How about a copy of that wonderful collage we gave Col Speer at his going away dinner? Well, you had your chance – and the lucky raffle ticket holder was Mrs. Santos!



If you weren't the lucky winner of the drawing, you can order your own unframed copy of the collage for \$25. You can also order an 8 by 10 unframed print of any of the unit's planes for \$10. Postage, of course, is extra. Order forms are available from John Ruppel or Jay Craddock.

Proceeds of the photo sales are earmarked for the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Scholarship Program.

## Scholarship Fund

The Old Timers' Luncheon was very successful in raising Scholarship Funds. The raffle earned \$255, photo sales garnered \$82, and book sales secured an additional \$198. Grand total collected for the Scholarship Fund - \$535! Way to go!

The following donations have also been received:

129<sup>th</sup> RQW Membership Foundation  
Anonymous Donor

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED NOW!

The recruiting office at the 129<sup>th</sup> RQW is seeking volunteers! Can you spend a few hours a week answering phones, preparing mail outs, replying to emails? How about helping out in the recruiting booth at air shows? If you would be interested in helping the unit meet recruiting goals, please contact:

MSgt Jamie Granada  
Recruiting Supervisor, 129<sup>th</sup> RQW  
Commercial Phone: 1-650-603-9568  
Toll Free Phone: 1-800-821-2433

## Alumni Day 2000

*Saturday, August 5*

The Second Annual 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Alumni Day is being planned for Saturday, August 5, 2000. The Wing Commander and his staff will provide an interesting presentation for all guests (yes, there will be coffee and light snacks available). The presentation will be followed by a tour of the base and a barbecue lunch. The lunch will once again be catered by Randy's Barbecue, so you can rest assured the meal will be both delicious and filling!

Sunday, August 6 will be the Third Annual 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Golf Tournament. MSgt Tommy Brooks, the resident pro at the Moffett Field Golf Course, is making all the arrangements. Blind Bogey will be the order of the day, and \$40 gets you a round of golf, prizes, and food (last year we had hamburgers with all the fixin's) after the tourney. If you don't want to walk, your cart is extra! An application is included in this issue.

When details are finalized, we will send everyone a mailing with all the particulars and reservation information. Please mark your calendars now and reserve the weekend of August 5 & 6 for the Alumni Weekend!

## New to the Gang

*Our Newest Members*

Welcome to these new members!

CPT Stanley Goldstein – 1961 - 1974

CMS Carl Jaegel – 1955 - 1986

BG John Iffland – 1978 - 1983

COL Gene Ignatow -

LTC Dale Mayo – 1966 - 1974

LTC Alvin Millsbaugh – 1948 - 1973

MSG Gene Pasqual –1974 – 1991

BG Grant Pyle III - 1977

LTC William H. Rutledge III – 1986 - Present

COL Thomas O. Sherman – 1980 - 1998

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## Memberships Terminated

*Banished Brethren*

Pursuant to Article 11, Section 9 of the 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni and Heritage Association By-Laws, the following individuals have had their affiliation with the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA terminated:

Col Charles Cross – Dues Delinquency

CMS Michael Brown – Dues Delinquency

CMS George Enscoe – Dues Delinquency

# Memorial Day Honor Roll



*Day is done.  
Gone the sun.  
From the lakes,  
From the hills,  
From the sky,  
All is well.  
Safely rest.  
God is nigh.*



TSG Gary R. Albertson  
LTC Richard Allen  
MSG Manuel Amaral  
LTC Shirley R. Ashby  
MSG Howard Bachman  
MSG David S. Bain  
SMS John S. Beasley  
COL John R. Breeden  
LTC Joseph J. Budro  
MSG Sam Burgess  
TSG Larry Butts  
SMS Fredrick E. Burkett  
LTC Neil Campbell  
SGT Steven Carlyle  
1LT Desmond Casey  
SMG Robert Clayton  
SMS Vaughn H. Clearman  
SSG Steve Courtney ★  
LTC Gene Cunningham  
MSG Hyrshel Flygare  
SSG Johnny Forlanda  
LTC Billy Freeman  
SMS Arch R. Girvin  
MSG Clarence F. Gruenert  
Lloyd Hamilton  
LTC James A. Hunt  
MAJ Jerry Ingram  
TSG Bobby J. Jarman  
TSG John Karpaty  
A3C Alan A. Kelley ★

MSG Henry Kern  
Chaplain James Kinsey  
BGen Charles W. Koenig  
COL Charles J. Kuban  
SRA Mary Lou Lara  
COL Paul Lavoie, MD  
MSG Bartley J. Lee  
CMS Joseph Martin  
Lawrence Mauch  
SGT Kevin McKenna  
MSG Paul Medeiros  
LTC Robert A. Morton  
MAJ Mark Mutchler  
MAJ Terry Nelson ★  
LTC John W. O'Sullivan  
MSG Leon Pope  
A1C Robert R. Rossie ★  
MSG Frank M. Sacramento  
MSG Thomas Santiago  
LTC Les Spencer ★  
TSG Nicholas Stoopin  
CMS Harold R. Strickler  
LTC Urban B. Vandever  
LTC John A. Vinther  
MSG Clarence W. Wagner  
LTC Louis F. Wang  
CW04 Albert S. Warnick  
A1C Larry Zimmerman ★

★Killed in Action







## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE 29 – JULY 4, 2000

NASA TRADE SHOW

AIR SHOW & FLY IN

JULY 9, 2000

FAMILY DAY PICNIC AND OPEN HOUSE

SET THIS WEEKEND ASIDE NOW!

AUGUST 5 & 6, 2000

ALUMNI DAY AND GOLF TOURNAMENT

MAKE PLANS TO TAKE PART IN THIS EXCITING WEEKEND.

## 129<sup>th</sup> AHA Jackets Available

*Customized with your name and rank!*

Want to own a really distinctive jacket to show your affiliation with the 129<sup>th</sup> AHA? Order your navy blue, MembersOnly, summer-weight poplin jacket today. The left breast has the current wing patch and the original troop carrier group patch (now worn by the Rescue Squadron), with 129 AHA embroidered below. The right breast sports the Air Force Patch with your name embroidered below. Jackets are available for \$70 (\$35 deposit per jacket required). Order yours from Don Delucchi at (925) 689-2683 or online at [Nonononi@aol.com](mailto:Nonononi@aol.com) – or contact 'Hoot' Gibson at (510) 581-9501.



### 129<sup>th</sup> Alumni & Heritage Association

#### GOLF TOURNAMENT BLIND BOGEY

**Moffett Field Golf Course**

**6 August 2000 10:30am**

**\$40.00 Per Player**

(Power Carts Not Included)

**REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE 24 JULY 2000**

Food will be served after the tournament

**POC: T. D. BROOKS**

4345 Michael Ave.

Fremont, CA 94538-4014

Telephone (650) 490-7414

E-mail: [brookstd@juno.com](mailto:brookstd@juno.com)

**POC: JUDY BROOKS**

129LS/CCQ

Moffett Federal Air Field, CA 94035

(650) 603-9255

[jbrooks@camoff.af.mil](mailto:jbrooks@camoff.af.mil)

**NOTE:** Soft Spikes or Athletic Shoes ONLY. No exceptions.

**Send check payable to 129 AHA, with registration form, to the POC.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Status: AD Reserve Retired Civilian

Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sign up your own foursome or request pairing with a playing partner. (List below):**

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

## Missing in Action

### *Dead Letter Department*

We are looking for current addresses for these former members of the Unit. Do you know where they are today?

Mr. Bernie Badler	Mr. Stan Baroff
TSG Ed Brothers	Mr. John Cambria
MSG Frank Dwyer	LTC Don Foley
Mr. Rick Gaylord	Mr. Pat O'Sullivan
Mr. James Smith	Mr. Peter Turner

If you have an address or phone number for any of these former members, please send the information to:

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